



February 2nd/3rd | Craig Smith: Love² (John 14:15-31)

1. What is your response to someone who would say, “Obey my commands.”?
2. Is there a time in your life when you loved others in some way that led to you loving God more?

//John 14:15-21//

3. Based on this section, what are some things Jesus says his followers can do that the world (those not following him) cannot?
 - a. What does Jesus say will be the reason his followers will do these but the world will not?
 - b. Why are loving Jesus and keeping his commands inseparable?
4. Why can Jesus say that loving the Father and loving Jesus are inseparable? (c.f. John 8:19, 42, 58; 10:30)

//Read John 14:22-31//

5. Survey *some* of the commands of Jesus (Matthew 5:12, 23-24, 25, 29, 34, 36, 39, 42, 44, 48, et. al.). Do you think Jesus aimed to make his commands easy to obey or difficult? Why?
6. Why is the Holy Spirit an essential Advocate for Jesus’ followers?

Jesus is going to show Himself to the world through His followers.

7. John 14:27 is partly a repetition of John 14:1. Why do you think Jesus was trying so hard to give his followers *peace*? What does it look like to have Jesus’ *peace*?

By loving God and loving others, we continue the mission of Jesus.

8. Jesus stressed obeying the commands of the Father in John 14:30-31 as being inseparable from love for the Father. What command(s) of Jesus do you have the toughest time obeying?
9. What is something you can do this week in order to obey Jesus’ commands this week? How will you invite the Holy Spirit to enable you to do this?

Leaders: Record your group’s engagement via the MHC app.